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SUBJECT: IVP NOMINEES FOR 5TH QUARTER FY 76

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1.DEPARTMENT AWARE OF DIFFICULTIES UNCERTAIN BUDGET PICTURE PRESENTS FOR EMBASSY PLANNING. BUDGET FOR THE TRANSITIONAL QUARTER IS NOT YET FIRM AND LIKELY TO BE LESS THAN THE 25 PER CENT OF REGULAR FY 76. THIS WILL PUT EXTREME BURDEN ON POSTS WHO HAVE TRADITIONALLY ENCOURAGED VISITORS TO TRAVEL JULY-SEPTEMBER ALTHOUGH FY 76 FUNDS CAN BE USED TO FINANCE TRAVEL THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30. THE EMBASSY IS CAUTIONED NOT TO MAKE FIRM INVITATIONS TO GRANTEES UNTIL CLEARER PICTURE OF THE TQ AVAILABLE IF TQ FUNDS ARE TO BE USED.

2.DEPARTMENT APPROVES GRANT TO RAATIKAINENS IN PRINCIPLE, SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS. IN LIGHT OF TIGHT BUDGET, AND GRANTEES RELATIVELY HIGHER POSITIONS, WE WONDER IF IT MIGHT NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR ONE OR OTHER TO RECEIVE
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FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR TRIP FROM THEIR OWN ORGANIZATIONS
THUS MAKING PARTIAL IV GRANTS POSSIBLE.

3.PROGRAM SESSION CONFIRMED FOR THE RAATIKAINENS AT MHI/VPS
FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 10. PLEASE ADVISE EXACT ETA WHEN
KNOWN.

4.PLEASE CONFIRM GRANTEES WILL NOT NEED ESCORT/INTERPRE-
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